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A WARNING TO ENGLAND

With a Hand of True Pity and Compassion still held forth in the Love of God, to call you all to Repentance, that have not Repented of your Wickedness, and Horrible Provoking SINS, wherewith you have provoked the Lord, and kindled his Wrath more and more against you.

Wherein is shewed the great Danger that you are in who hate the Light of Christ Jesus, and put his Day afar off from you.

As also, Something is signified of the great Woes and heavy Judgments, that have been, and shortly will come upon the People of this Nation, that do not Repent, and turn to the Lord while they have time.

And some Objections briefly Answered, to satisfie the true Seeker after the WAY of GOD.

They would none of my Counsel, they despised all my Reproof; therefore shall they eat the Fruit of their own Way, and be filled with their own Devices: But whosoever hearkeneth to me, shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of Evil, Prov. 1. 30, 31, 33.

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A WARNING TO ENGLAND

O *England, England!*

THE Land wherein I was born, and love and pity above all the Kingdoms upon the Face of the Earth, becauſe of the Lord's Appearances by his Light and Power in thee, above all other Lands in theſe laſt days: But moſt of you the Inhabitants of this Land have ſlighted and vilified God's Appearance to you, and the pure and heavenly Manifeſtation of his Light & Power in and amongſt you; wherefore Darkneſs is over you, and your Seers Eyes are cloſed through their Rebellion againſt the Light of the glorious Goſpel, which has ſhined both in their and your Hearts, to give you the Light of the Knowledge of God in the Face of Chriſt Jeſus, and to open your blind Eyes, to recover your Sight, that ye might ſee your Evil Ways that ye have walked in, and thoſe great Abominations that ye have committed in the

Land; for which Distress, Wo and Misery hath come upon the Inhabitants thereof; and doth more and more threaten you, *if speedily and with all your hearts ye do not Repent, and turn to the Lord, who is Terrible to the Wicked, and whose Eyes are upon this and all other sinful Nations and Kingdoms of this World.*

And how are the People of *England* laden with *Iniquity*? How have *many of you* let your Reins loose to all manner of *Sins*! What *Cryes of Oppression and Cruelties* have been heard, and are now heard in our Land, acted by them that profess *Christ Jesus* in words, and call themselves *Christians*! but there never were any True *Christians* found in such Practices as *many of you*, the *Inhabitants of this Nation*, have been found in, notwithstanding the Favours and Goodness of God extended to you, *beyond what other Nations have enjoyed.* For, let me tell you, that have not yet repented, nor turned to the Lord. *That had the Works and Mighty Wonders of God been done in some other Nations, that have been done in thee, 'tis possible they would have repented, and turned to the Lord with all their hearts before this.* And because the Works and Wonders of the Lord have been abundantly more seen in thee, than in any other Nation, surely God hath required and doth require more from this.

O Friends! its not the *Renting of your Garments*, but *your Hearts*, that God requires; for ye have appeared something in shew of Religion, whilst your Hearts have been far from God. Truly, my Bowels are turn'd for *You*; I am full of Sorrow and Grief for my *Countrymen*, that have so abused the *loving-kindness* of a *long-suffering God*, *who is slow to Wrath*, neither shews he his

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Wrath till his *Mercy* and *Long-ſuffering* be abuſed by a ſinful Nation, or People laden with Iniquity, & guilty of manifold Tranſgreſſions. O! conſider; is not this the ſtate of *many of you?* have ye not followed a Multitude to do Evil, and the Wayes and Devices of your own Hearts? are ye not unſenſible of the Day of God's tender Viſitation to you-wards, and of his pure Light that ſhines in your dark Hearts?

And all you Evil doers every where, you hate the Light, and love Darkneſs rather than Light, that will be your Condemnation, *That Chriſt Jeſus is come a Light into the World*; and if ever you come to be the Children of God and his Light, you muſt turn to his Light, wait and believe in it; for thoſe that do not, remain in utter Darkneſs, not knowing whither they go, they are ſo *uncertainly led by the Blind Guides of this World.* This hath been and is certainly the State of *many of you*, the *Inhabitants of England.* How have ye been led by the blind Leaders of the Blind into the Ditch, and kept in the fall of old *Adam*, neither having ſeen or known what ye have been doing, nor the *By Pathes* and *Crooked Wayes* you have walked in! and how hath *every man of you* walked in a Vain Shew, and diſquieted *your ſelves* in vain, in getting the *Worldly Riches*, but cannot tell who muſt enjoy them after you, nor whether *you may enjoy them* while ye are here in the World!

Therefore hear ye the Word of the Lord; O! hearken diligently that your Souls may live, and be ſaved in this Day of the Lord Jeſus, *who is come to ſeek and to ſave them that are loſt, who is willing to bring and lead you all out of the Fall of* Adam, *which was by*

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Sin and Tranſgreſſion; for *he is the Saviour of the World, not coming to condemn the World, but that the World through him might believe and obtain Salvation.*

O People! look unto Him, and not to the Mountains and Hills for Salvation, as long you have done, but all in vain; for, what Profit have ye had in looking to Man, or the Mountains or Hills, when you were in Trouble and Diſtreſs? who could help or deliver, ſave the Lord *Jehovah* only?

Now Friends, be awakened, and truly conſider, *That your dayes are but ſhort, till all muſt go, either into everlaſting Joy and Happineſs, or Wo and Miſery.* Now *everlaſting Joy* and *Happineſs* is prepared of God for the Righteous, but *everlaſting Wo* and *Miſery* for the Wicked; and they are *wicked* that do *wickedly*: And *none of the Wicked ſhall underſtand the Works or Wonders of the Lord, which he hath done, and is doing; but the Wiſe ſhall underſtand*; the Wiſe ſhall inherit Glory and Peace forever and ever; but the Fool, who ſaith in his Heart (not with his Tongue, but in his Heart) *There is no God*, will to gain the World, and the Pleaſures of Sin for a ſeaſon, loſe their own Souls; and what will this advantage any, *if they could gain the whole world, and loſe their own Souls?* Truly a fooliſh and miſerable Bargain do all ſuch make, even ſuch as they can never be *everlaſtingly Rich or happy by*, although they may be pleaſed with it for a ſeaſon: Theſe things can never give true Content or Satisfaction to the Soul, which is Immortal, which is fed and nouriſhed by that which is Immortal and Living, that comes from Heaven.

So People, In the Name of the Eternal God I warn and

and exhort you all to Ariſe, ariſe, and ſtand up from the Dead, and Duſt of the Earth, and Graves of Sin and Iniquity, where you have lain long, and imagined an Everlaſting Reſt in; *for this is not your Reſt, it is poluted*, and hath poluted you. O! come to Chriſt Jeſus, who is that quickening Spirit, that is able to quicken you, and make you alive to God, and make you all Partakers of a true and living Hope and Faith to purge your Hearts and Conſciences by, to purifie you, and make you Veſſels of his Honour, who have been and are Veſſels of Diſhonour, in which ſtate you are very unfit for the Lord's Uſe, how fit ſoever you have been and may be for the Devil's Uſe, as his Slaves and Vaſſels, and led captive by him at his Will, who hath taught you to ſay to your Souls, *Take your Reſt in that which is Poluted, and in your great ſtores of Goods, which ſome have gotten, and laid up for many years*; not conſidering how ſhortly your Souls may be required of you, nor whoſe theſe things ſhall be then: for ſo hath the Devil, the Enemy of your Immortal Souls, beſotted and benumbed many of you in this day, and kept you in Sin and Treſpaſſes, dead, unawakened to Righteouſneſs, Everlaſting Life and Salvation. Verily I cannot but pity your ſad ſtate that you are in, and lament for you, and pray you in Chriſt's ſtead, to come out of it, to Him who deſires not the Death of the Wicked, but rather that all ſuch would turn from their Wickedneſs, and live a Holy, Righteous and Godly Life in this preſent World.

O ye People of *England*! how hath the Spirit of the Lord ſtriven with you, and the Lord ſtretched forth his

his Hand all the day long, notwithſtanding your Rebellions, and your hardning of your Hearts againſt him? How hath the Lord waited to be good and gracious to this Land, and the Inhabitants thereof? How many Pledges of his Love and Favour towards it hath been given unto it, and ſcarce ſooner given, but the Hearts of moſt people of this Nation have been lifted up within them, and the Lord hath been forgotten, who extended his Love and Favour univerſally, to leave all without excuſe at his great Day of Judgment, when he will appear in Flames of Fire to render Vengeance againſt them that know him not, nor obey the Goſpel, which was to be preached to every Creature, that all might believe in Chriſt Jeſus, and know his Baptiſm, that ſaves, therewith to be baptized, who thereby waſhes the inſide of Man and Woman, and not the outſide only, as the *Phariſees* did the Cup and Platter. And let none talk of being ſaved and juſtified by Chriſt, who are not waſhed by him, and baptized by one Spirit into that Body whereof Chriſt Jeſus is Head; for they that are not ſo baptized and waſhed, are not living Members of the Body of Chriſt, but Members of, and Pleaders for the Body of Death and Darkneſs, and to carry that Body of Sin and Iniquity about with them till they come at their Graves, ſo are altogether kept uncapable of putting on the new Man, becauſe they ſee not the Way how to put off the old Man with his Deeds, which certainly is the woful ſtate of many of you, who are Inhabitants of this Nation of *England*: What will it avail you to plead, *that you believe in Chriſt Jeſus, and are baptized into the true Chriſtian*

ſtian Faith, whilſt you are not come to know a paſſing from Death to Life, and whilſt your Hearts are evil, defiled with ſin, and not purified? will not your Belief be accounted of God and his Spirit for Unbelief, and your Faith a dead one, by which ye can never pleaſe Him, even God, or the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, whom ye pretend to believe in, but are not come to witneſs him in you the Hope of Glory; you are to come to know him in you, to work in you by his mighty Power, elſe you are Reprobates: And if Chriſt be known in you, the Body of Sin you will come to leave and put off; then will ye put off the Old Man with his Deeds, and dye daily to Sin, which is the Devil's Work, and that Work Chriſt came and comes to deſtroy: He dyed not that people ſhould continue in ſin, and in the great Abuſe of his Goodneſs and Kindneſs towards them, but that they might prize his Love, Goodneſs and Kindneſs towards Mankind in general, in coming to ſave them from ſin, to finiſh Tranſgreſſion, and to put an end to Sin, and bring in Everlaſting Righteouſneſs, which hath been ſo ſhut out of the Hearts of the Sons and Daughters of Men, and the whole World that lieth in Wickedneſs, thinking to cover themſelves by a Righteouſneſs, pretended *Chriſt's Righteouſneſs*, imputed to them, and made to them in their unrighteous and ſinful ſtate: Thus many cover themſelves, and patch up a Righteouſneſs and Juſtification which is not of God, nor will not ſtand them in any ſtead when God ſhall call them to an account, and come to judge the Secrets of their Hearts, whoſe pure Eye ſees all the Unrighteouſneſs of Men and Women, which is Sin, that renders people guilty of

Condemnation before God, notwithſtanding all their fair Pretences of being righteous, and juſtified by a Righteouſneſs imputed to them, whilſt very Wicked and Unrighteous in the ſight of God; and ſuch that can diſcern between things that differ (even Good and Evil) dare not lean to or confide in ſuch a Righteouſneſs, but account it as filthy Rags of Man's deviſing, and not of God, neither hereby are any made Righteous in his ſight.

O! you Fooliſh and Unrighteous, Unſaved and Unſanctified, how dare ye preſume to ſay, *That Chriſt Jeſus is made to you of God Wiſdom, Righteouſneſs, Sanctification and Redemption?* Muſt you not be Partakers of his heavenly and peaceable Wiſdom, which is from above, before you can truly ſay ſo? And muſt ye not be Partakers of the Righteouſneſs of Chriſt Jeſus, and live Righteouſly in this World, before you can truly ſay, *Chriſt Jeſus is made to you Righteouſneſs?* And is it not the greateſt Deceit that is, and the Deceivableneſs of Unrighteouſneſs to imagine you are what indeed you are not; for Drunkards, Lyars, Swearers, Fornicators, Unclean and Covetous Perſons, to ſay, *Chriſt is made to them Wiſdom, Righteouſneſs, Sanctification and Redemption*, who are fooliſh and diſobedient, and far from the Righteouſneſs of God, who are as unholy as ever, and as much in the unredeemed ſtate? What greater Preſumption can there be for making void the Wiſdom, Sanctification and Redemption which is of God through Chriſt Jeſus, then this? what greater Deluſion can there be in the World then this? and what Multitudes of people ſettle here, looking upon themſelves wiſe, righteous, ſanctified and redeemed by Chriſt Jeſus, whilſt

whilſt nothing of this is experienc'd really and truly in them, or made unto them by Chriſt, in that fooliſh, unrighteous, unholy, unredeemed State, which they by the Enemy of all Righteouſneſs are kept in.

So you, people, that are thus covering your ſelves herein, taking your eaſe in the Fleſh, your Coverings are too ſhort, they do not (nor cannot) hide you; for you are ſeen, your falſe Reſts, wherein you have taken Eaſe, and leaned to, will prove all too ſhort for you; for long you will not be able to ſtretch your ſelves thereon.

Therefore come to Chriſt Jeſus, who is the Reſt of the People of God, and who will give you Reſt, that are weary and ſore burdened with your Sins. if you come to him, and learn of him, who is meek and low of Heart, you will certainly find, and not come ſhort of that reſt that remains for the People of God, which is certainly true and everlaſting, into which the true Believers enter, and ſo come to ceaſe to do evil, and learn to do well, coming to ceaſe from their own Works, their own Righteouſneſs, which formerly they were in, and reſted upon. The true Believer in Chriſt Jeſus ceaſeth from Man, his Righteouſneſs, his Teachings, and is taught of the Lord, what to do, and what to ceaſe from; what to follow, and what to turn from: This is learned by coming to Chriſt Jeſus, and learning of him, whom the Drunkards, Swearers, Lyars, Prophane, Covetous and Unclean Perſons are not willing to come to, although there is no Life, but by Him, no Salvation in any other, nor true Righteouſneſs enjoyed by any other, which the true Believers know, and are living Witneſſes of, *Glory to the Lord God forever*, through believing

lieving in Christ Jesus, whom God hath sent, a Remnant are come to lay down their Heads in that Rest in Christ Jesus, and Peace with God, that none can make them afraid; they are not afraid of what Man can do; their Hope and trust is not in Man, but in the Lord *Jehovah*; they know his Name, and therein trust, and thither flee for safety, when any Troubles, Tryals or Sufferings come as an Exercise or Tryal upon them; so are not afraid of Evil Tidings, nor the Terrible Threats of the Wicked, being resolved to *Trust in God*, though they be Killed for their Trust and Confidence in him, or bearing their Testimony for his Name's sake: But how can the Uncircumcised in Heart and Ears (that always have been, and are Rebellious against the holy Spirit and Power of the Lord God) trust in the Name of the Lord, not having the Knowledge of it? such trust in Man, and put Confidence in Princes, vainly expecting Salvation out of your Troubles from the Mountains and Hills, but have not known Christ Jesus, the Rock of Ages. So how can such be built upon that Rock that is sure. Therefore the Gates of Hell have prevailed, and will yet more prevail against you People of *England*. whose Faith hath not stood in God's Power: How have the Gates of Hell prevailed against you of all Sects & Professions! how have you given your Power to the Beast, and worshipped the Beast, and cryed, *Who is like unto the Beast, or able to make War with him*? becaufe your Battlements were not the Lord's, but were by his Power to be taken away; for by the strength of Man it is in vain to encounter and make War with the Beast and False Prophet, while People are but in the strength of

of Man they will be found adhearing to the Beaſt, worſhipping of him, and receiving his Mark, either in their Foreheads or in their Hands, in ſome way, in ſome degree or other; and whoſoever doth ſo, muſt aſſuredly drink of the Wine of the Wrath of God, and a dreadful Cup: truly its hard for me to utter what I ſee of *Wrath*, *Wo* and *great Calamity* that the Righteous and Juſt God will ſhortly bring upon ſuch; he will not regard you, although you make many Prayers, they will be but to Him Abomination: You that can worſhip the Beaſt, and have received his Mark on your Foreheads, or in your Hands, the Lord will find you out, the Lord will plague and puniſh you, and plead with you in his fierce Wrath, and now is he vexing of you in his Diſpleaſure, although you are moſt apt to look at Men, as being the Cauſe of all your Diſtreſs Diſappointments and Troubles, that are come, or may come upon you.

I do acknowledge, and verily am perſwaded, that there have been & are many *Evil Inſtruments* at work, to hinder the Proſperity and Welfare of this poor Nation; but ſearch and find them out, and let them have Due Puniſhment, according to the Law of God, and righteous Laws of Men.

Such as have Principles leading and binding them to Kill and Murder any, high or low, about Religion, becauſe they are not of their Religion, nor their being in the World for their Intereſt; ſuch that really are of ſuch Helliſh Principles and Practices, that lead them to thirſt after Blood, and to bring Nations into Civil Wars, that are in Peace, delighting in War and Blood,

Bloodshed, I know *the Hand of the Lord is and will be against them, to scatter and confound them, and their wicked Conspiracies he will bring to nought:* be not afraid of them, nor what they can do; but O People of *England* every where, fear the Lord, and work Righteousness in your Day, you that yet have a Day; *for many have suffered God's Day to pass over them, not regarding or taking notice of it.*

And all you that say, *You have not the Spirit of the Lord, that the Holy Men of God, his Prophets and the Apostles of Christ Jesus received, walked in and worshipped God in it*; how vain and unprofitable is your worshipping of God! you that say, that *None have that Spirit now, nor is to expect an Infallible Spirit to be led and guided by*; but think you can serve and worship God aright by a Spirit which is fallible, in vain do you worship God, and all your Services are rejected of him; for you cannot offer to God (by a Fallible Spirit) that which is pure and holy, but the contrary, that which is unclean and poluted, and with such Offerings and Services God is weary, and certainly doth not require them of you; for these are but the *Offerings of the Deceiver, that hath a Male in his Flock, but offers that which is unclean*; for *God is a Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and Truth*, which is holy, eternal and infallible; and you that have not this Spirit, are none of God's Children, nor faithful Servants; you serve not the Lord Jesus Christ, whose Name you (it may be) often name and profess in words, but your own Bellies is the God of many of you, that call your selves *Christians*, and cry, *Lord, Lord, and that you do many things*

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in his Name, and for the Honour of God, which are quite contrary, being done in your own Wills, and in a ſenſual earthly Spirit, which ſuch act in and are led by to Evil, being ſo ignorant of what is Good, and what is Evil and Sin, *that they think they do God good ſervice, whilſt they diſpleaſe him in following the Imaginations of their own Hearts*; promiſing themſelves, *that it is well with them, and that no Evil ſhall come unto them*; and ſo cry a falſe Peace and Reſt to themſelves, whilſt Strangers to true Peace with God, and Reſt in his Son Chriſt Jeſus: And how many of you are there that would have Peace without Chriſt, the Way, Truth, and the Life, the Prince of Peace, while you rebel againſt him, and will not have him to rule and reign in your Hearts, whoſe Right it is to order, govern, bear ſway in and over every Man and Woman? Are not you his Enemies, though his pretended Friends, that refuſe his Rule and Heavenly Government to be ſet up in you? Why are ye not willing the Government ſhould be upon his Shoulders, who is from Everlaſting to Everlaſting, King of Kings and Lord of Lords? Why are you againſt the raiſing up of this Righteous BRANCH, that he might reign and proſper, and execute Judgment and Juſtice? How can you expect true Juſtice and Judgment, till he come to take to him his great Power, to rule and reign in your Hearts? How are his Enemies ſcattered, but as he ariſes?

So People, let not the Sun go down upon your Wrath, neither give place to the Rule and Government of the *Man of Sin* and *Son of Perdition* in your Hearts, as formerly you have done, but wait diligently

gently upon the Lord, who is able to caſt out Satan, and chain him down from prevailing over you, by having a place, or reigning in you, as in times paſt.

So all wait to feel the Finger of God at work in you, that ye may be ſenſible of the Kingdom of God to be come nigh unto you, and know that Kingdom ſet up in your Hearts, which ſtands in Righteouſneſs, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghoſt; wait to know the Antient of Dayes to ſit, to whom ſhall be given Glory, Honour and Dominion, that all Nations and Kingdoms may ſerve and obey him, whoſe Kingdom and Dominion is Everlaſting: *Firſt ſeek this Kingdom, and the Righteouſneſs of it, and all other things will be added:* Its not a *Talk* of it will ſerve your turn, or your faint *Wiſhes* or *Hopes, that God will receive you into it at laſt* (although you live in that in which the Devils Kingdom ſtands all your time you have to ſtay in the World.) But be diligent Seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven and the Way to it, that ye may find it, and have an Entrance adminiſtred into that Kingdom whilſt it is called to day. But, O fooliſh People and unwiſe! how have ye ſet the World and the Glory of it before your Eyes, and neglected your Salvation, the Kingdom of God and Power of his Son Jeſus Chriſt! And how have the Pleaſures of this World kept you from ſeeking after God, his Kingdom and Righteouſneſs thereof, which firſt you ſhould have eyed, minded and carefully ſought! you have pleaſed your ſelves with the Broad Way, although it will lead you to utter Deſtruction of Soul and Body; if ye come not out of it, into the Narrow Way, ye will certainly go to everlaſting Deſtruction, and there will be no Remedy.

Friends

Friends and *Countrymen*, the Love of God conſtrained me thus to write unto you; I am troubled for you, and in a godly Sorrow for you; I know not a Man or Woman in the Land, or elſewhere, that I hate, although that which is Evil in any is to be hated, rejected and denyed, in *Papiſt*, *Proteſtant*, or whomſoever, and of what Nation ſoever: Sin is that which hinders peoples Aeceptance with God, and keeps good things from them, and is a Shame to any Nation or People whatſoever; but Righteouſneſs that Exalts, and is for the Honour of a Nation: *God is no Reſpecter of Perſons, but of every Nation he that fears God and works Righteouſneſs is accepted of him.*

I can truly ſay, that I never loved the Principles nor Practices of the *Papiſts*, being certainly hurtful, and Inconſiſtent with the Peace and Quiet of the Land where they live, and under thoſe Governments and Rule that are ſet over; I am for Good and Peaceable Principles, that induce people to live a Quiet and Peaceable Life; for thoſe Principles are Helliſh and Unchriſtian, that lead people to *Stab*, *Murder* and *Maſſacree* ſuch as differ from them, becauſe they cannot forſake their own Religion, which they are perſwaded is good, and embrace ſuch a Religion as they know is not good, neither tending to the Honour of God, but to introduce Badneſs, with pernicious Ways and evil Contrivances, thereby to rob God of that Honour which is due to him alone. Now you that are not of thoſe Bloody and Diſturbing Principles, that occaſion War and Bloodſhedding to Nations and Kingdoms, where they can put in practice

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their Wicked Devices, think not your ſelves happy or juſtified of God becauſe of that barely, although as to that particular thing, or any other Evils, God will not hold them guilty that are clear and innocent, though by men they may be deemed guilty, and the Guilty cleared: But except you repent from the bottom of your Hearts of your Sins, you may periſh, notwithſtanding you may be clear of thoſe Principles and Evils before-mentioned, which are abhorr'd of God and all good men. But if you ſhall think your ſelves well and ſecure becauſe you are not ſuch great Sinners, as you ſuppoſe the *Papiſts* are, hereby then the Enemy of your Souls may get advantage againſt you, and make you conclude, *that your State is good,* when you are in the periſhing State, even as they; although your Wickedneſs be not of ſuch a ſcarlet Colour, yet there are many other great Evils and Abominations, enough to plunge your Souls into eternal Wo and Miſery, if not repented of. Therefore I ſay again to you, Repent of your Sins, be afflicted and humbled, let your Laughter be turned into Mourning, and your Joy into Heavineſs, and Weep bitterly; for who knows but God may turn away his Wrath that is kindled againſt you, and yet have Mercy on this poor Nation, and the Inhabitants thereof, that you periſh not: I dare ſay, and that in the Name of the Lord, Upon your true Repentance, humbling your ſelves before him, renting your Hearts, and turning to the Lord, that he will yet extend his Favour and loving-kindneſs unto you, and ſave this poor Nation from thoſe Plagues, heavy Judgments and great Deſolations, that will certainly

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come upon it, as a juſt Reward from God, due to a Wicked, Stiff-necked and Rebellious People, if you continue therein. What elſe can ye expect or look for, but the Viols of God's Wrath to be poured forth upon you more and more?

O! be ſerious, moderate and ſober-minded; fear God, and give Glory to him, for the Hour of his Judgments is come: Put away your Pride, that you have learned of the Prince and King of all the Children of Pride; and put away your High and Luxurious Living; for you have been wanton on the Earth, and you have nouriſhed your Hearts as in a Day of Slaughter, many of you: How long hath the Juſt ſuffered by your Hard-heartedneſs! and there ſtill remain great Oppreſſions and heavy Burdens upon the Innocent in this Land, whoſe Cauſe the Righteous God will more and more plead againſt all, high or low, that have a hand therein.

'How have We the people of God called *Quakers* 'been bely'd and abuſed by all Sorts and Sects of 'People in this Nation, that have gone in *Cain*'s 'Way! and what Unchriſtian Carriage and Behavi-'our from ſuch have we met with, all along ſince 'God reached to us, and viſited us with his Day ſpring 'from on high! What Mockings, Stockings, Stone-'ing, and Cruel Impriſonments, and Spoiling of 'Goods have we patiently endured, never deſiring to 'render Evil for Evil! but we have endeavoured in 'the Name of the Lord, *to overcome the Evil* (which 'People have acted againſt us) *with Good*, knowing 'that to be the Will and Mind of our Lord and Savi-'our

'our Jeſus Chriſt, by whom we have been taught to 'love our very Enemies, *to do good to them that hated 'us without Cauſe, and to pray for them that have de-'ſpightfully uſed and perſecuted us*, leaving the Recom-'pence of Vengeance to the Lord God, to whom it 'belongs, and who certainly will repay it upon the 'Heads of his Enemies, the Wicked of the Land: 'God hath not forgotten the Tryals of Cruel Mock-'ings, Bonds, Impriſonments, with other Cruel 'Sufferings and Loſſes, which the Righteous have 'met with, and ſuſtained from a Wicked, Untoward 'and Hypocritical Generation in our Dayes; as his 'Ears have been open to our Cry, ſo oftentimes he 'hath appeared to help, ſuccour and relieve us in 'our Afflictions and Sufferings. And we ſtedfaſtly 'believe, that he will ariſe, and ſhew himſelf a pre-'ſent Help in all our future Tryals and Sufferings, 'although many have not regarded nor conſidered 'our Afflictions, but Wantonly, Slightly and Ma-'liciouſly have repreſented them, that's little to us, 'we know God will call them to an Account, and 'puniſh them for it, and reward every Man according 'to the Deeds done in the Body, whether they be 'Good or Evil, who is a Bleſſed Rewarder of all 'thoſe that Diligently ſeek him, although for ſeeking 'and waiting upon the Lord only, we have been, and 'ſome are at this day, by the *Magiſtrates* and *Informers*, 'recompenſed with Priſons, great Fines and ſpoiling 'of Goods: But Glory to God forever, none of 'theſe things move the Faithful, or ſhake their Minds 'from their Obedience to the Lord, whom we muſt 'and ought to obey rather than Man, being things

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'appertaining to the keeping of our Conſciences pure
'and good in the ſight of God, to whom we chiefly
'owe our Obedience in matters Divine and Spiritual:
'And we have been led by the Lord, and made wil-
'ling by his Power to give the Lord his due, and *Cæſar*
'his due, notwithſtanding the Cruel Laws that have
'been made and Executed to abridge us of that Liber-
'ty, which the Righteous God allows in matters of
'Religion and Worſhip of Him, who clearly ſees and
'knows the Ways, Doings and Counſels of Men, al-
'though carried on with never ſo much Subtilty
'and Carnal Policy: they dig deep to hide their
'Counſel from him. Its in vain for any to hide their
'matters in Darkneſs from the Lord; for that which
'is ſpoken in Darkneſs ſhall be declared in the Light,
'and that which hath been done in Secret ſhall be
'publiſhed on the Houſe tops; and *wo* from the
'Lord God upon the Contrivers and Workers of
'Iniquity, that have contrived Wickedneſs againſt
'the Righteous, to root them out of the Earth, and
'could not reſt nor be quiet till it was put in Executi-
'on againſt thoſe for whom it was intended; whoever
'they be, God will judge them, and eaſe him of ſuch
'Adverſaries to him, and Ill Wiſhers to his People's
'Welfare and Happineſs: The Day comes, it haſtens,
'that will diſcover ſuch Vile and Wicked *Ahitophels*,
'to bring all their Wicked and Evil Counſels and
'Contrivances to nothing, and to bring Miſery and
'Confuſion of Face upon all that lean or bend to ſuch
'Counſels and Contrivances: But the Counſel of
'the Lord, that ſhall ſtand, and be eſtabliſhed in the
'Earth.

Therefore let none adhere, joyn to, or be one with the Counſel of the Wicked, which is unſafe, corrupt and Abominable; People, learn to keep your Ear from it, and to avoid it, as that which is hurtful both to Soul and Body, and deſtructive to Princes and States, and all Civil Societies amongſt men, as men; for Peoples following the Counſels of the Wicked, it makes them ſuch as the Devil would have them, *Vicious, Intemperate, Unchaſte, Ungodly*, and what not, that is Evil and Abominable in the ſight of God.

And now, how doth this poor Land abound in all manner of Ungodlineſs and Impieties, ſome ſcarce fit to be mention'd! which is even a Shame to the Land, and for which God will ſeverely puniſh the Inhabitants thereof, that do not in their Day and Time repent of their Wicked Works and Abominable Practices, which many declare as *Sodom*. How have you abounded in Pride, Wantonneſs, Fulneſs of Bread, in Whoredoms, Adulteries, and all manner of Unclean Words and Actions, for which the Righteous. Holy and Juſt God is grieved and provoked to Wrath, who is Love, and hath ſtretched out his Hands of Love many times unto you, and hath ſaid, *Turn you, turn you; why will ye dye, and bring Ruin and Deſtruction upon your ſelves?* Now all the Checks, Reproofs and Judgments, which have come from God to you, were that you might turn to him that hath ſtriven with you, ſmitten, checked, reproved and judged you, that you might turn to him, and know the *Reproof of Inſtruction to be the Way of Life*, that ye might

might come to ſee and know the Way of Life, and walk therein.

All you that have been and are High and Stout-hearted againſt the Lord; Come down, come down, lie low, and abhor your ſelves in Duſt and Aſhes before the Lord; you are afar off from God and his Kingdom, and he beholds you as ſuch, and reſiſts you as ſuch, and therefore doth the Lord with-hold his Grace and Good Things from you, which freely and plentifully he gives to them that wait low in his Fear to receive from him. Therefore take heed how you any more ſcoff and mock at waiting upon the Lord, which he requires of people; for the Lord is to be waited for and waited upon by all that ſeek him, or deſire after him; and his Power is to be waited for, before it be received, or any can be ſtrengthned and made ſtrong in the Lord; for *they that wait upon the Lord, ſhall renew their ſtrength*; but ſuch as do not wait upon him for ſtrength, ſpeak and act in their Services and Worſhip of God in their own ſtrength, by which they cannot do any thing well-pleaſing to God; and this is the ſtate of many, even great multitudes of people in this Nation, obſerving and following of that which doth not profit them at all, neither can they thereby bring forth Fruit unto God; but on the contrary, what Feaſtings without Fear, Revellings, Pipings, Dancing, Carding, Diceing, Playes to debauch Youth, Curſing, Swearing and Blaſpheming the Name of the Lord hath got place, is practiſed, encouraged and brought forth by many in this Nation, that call themſelves *Chriſtians*, but are not, but rather are a Diſhonour to that Name,

causing Reproaches to come upon it amongst the *Heathen*: How are they stumbled and offended to see them that pretend to be and are call'd *Christians*, worse in their Words and Actions then some *Mahumitans* and others, that do not confess to nor believe that *Christ came and suffered for our Sins in the Body of his Flesh, nor that he was a Saviour, or could save or deliver any.* How do you expect to convert them to the *Christian Faith*! Certainly never by Pride, Wantonness, feeding your selves without Fear, Whoredoms, Adulteries and unclean Actions, that cast a Stink all over the Land; for which if the Lord should bring *Want* and a *FAMINE* into the Land, and thereby thin the People of it, who amongst you can say to the Lord, *why dost thou send this Want and Scarcity amongst us? Must we and our Families, that have been fed to the full, now want Bread and Outward Necessaries?* Surely if you say so, then shall the Lord answer, and say unto you, *Its because of your great Wickedness and Abominations, wherewith you have corrupted and defiled the Land; for which I will abase it, and bring down the High Looks and Stout Hearts of the Inhabitants thereof, from the Highest to the Lowest; and you shall know that I am the Lord, who at my Pleasure can plant and pluck up Nation's and Kingdoms.* Are you not sensible (People) that the Lord hath spared this Land and others long, in his Long-suffering and Goodness towards them? But he hath said, *Now will I cry out, like a Travelling Woman, to devour at once, and to lay waste, and make Kingdoms desolate, to make them reel and stagger in my Fury.* For that Nation and Kingdom that will not serve him, shall perish, and a Kingdom divided against

againſt it ſelf cannot ſtand, but is brought to Deſolation.

So people, your ſtanding and the Kingdom's is but ſlippery; there is but a ſmall Remnant that know Chriſt Jeſus their Rock and daily Refuge: Truly there are but few Righteous *Lots* in this Nation, in compariſon of the Multitudes of them that are like *Sodomites*; however, it will go well with them, when it ſhall go ill with all the Wicked & Unrighteous. If God had not a few righteous Perſons in this Nation, that have ſighed and mourned for the Wickedneſs of it, doubtleſs it had been deſtroyed and utterly waſted before this time, its for their ſakes this Nation hath been ſpared ſo long although the wicked Workers have not been willing, nor thought fit that ſuch ſhould have a being amongſt them; forſuch have been as killed all the day long, & accounted as Sheep for the Slaughter, in Perils often, in Deaths often, often ſnared in Holes, and have been for a Prey to the Debauched and Ungodly of the Land, of whom the World is not worthy, though never ſo much ſlighted and hated of the World. its they that are a Happineſs and Bleſſing to a Nation or Kingdom, and not the Prophane and Ungodly; ſuch bring a Curſe, Diſtreſſes, Wo and Miſery upon the Nations and Kingdoms where they inhabit. Think of this all you that have any Deſire towards God, or Good Will to your own Souls; hear and fear the Lord, and anſwer when he calls unto you; O! reject not the Call of the Lord; for none ever did ſo and proſpered: if you ſhall hear the Lord, and obey his Call, to come out of the Evil you have been in, to that which is good,

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and continue in that, it will cauſe God to turn away his Wrath, and ſhew Mercy unto you.

O the great *Thunders*, *Earthquakes* and *Tempeſts* that are come & coming upon this Nation & many others! What Noiſes of *Armies*, *wars* and Rumours of *Wars*, *Nation* againſt *Nation* and *Kingdom* againſt *Kingdom*! What *Deſolation* and *Bloodſhed* hath there been to gratifie the Wills and Ambitious Deſires of High-minded Men, that matter not how much Blood be ſpilt, and Treaſure ſpent, ſo their Ungodly Luſts be ſatisfied! yet for all this would be called *Chriſtians*, and go under the Name of *Chriſtian-Magiſtrates*. But God will pour out Contempt upon them, and hedge up their Way of Wickedneſs, and make them to wander in Deſolation, which will come upon them, that have ſtudied to make Nations deſolate, and ſpoil them, that they might poſſeſs them as their own. How do Mens Hearts fail them for fear now at what threatens them, and the Nations that they inhabit in! and what Croſſes and Diſappointments happen almoſt to all Men and Women! And God knows whether what is paſt, or is now be any more then the beginning of Sorrows.

So in the Name of the Lord God I warn you all to be awakened to Righteouſneſs, and Sin not, that ye may be hid in the Day of the Lord's fierce Wrath, which is near to break forth: for God hath a Remnant of hidden Ones, that are hidden and kept ſafe, under the hollow of his Hand, out of which none can pluck them, and they ſhall never periſh: O happy People, and ſaved by the Lord, your Helper in the time of Need, Perils and Dangers! Caſt out all

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ſlaviſh Fear thorow the perfect Love of God, and all the Fears of Wicked Men; for the Ruſt ſhall eat them as a Canker, and the Wind ſhall drive them away like Stubble; they ſhall be ſought for, and ſhall not be found; their Names ſhall rot, and not be recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

So People, you may ſee the danger of being found Wicked men, when the Lord comes to make enquiry into every mans ſtate and condition, and none ſhall eſcape his all-ſeeing Eye, that is come to ſearch mens Hearts, and to ſearch *Jeruſalem* with Candles; he will find out your Habitations of Darkneſs and Cruelty, where you thought to hide your ſelves from his Wrath; and the Candle of the Lord hath been lighted in you that are Wicked, but by your hiding it, as under a Bed or Buſhel, it hath not given Light to your Houſe, nor you have not come to ſee aright into the States and Conditions of your Hearts: Nay, by often Tranſgreſſion againſt God, his Candle often is put out, which he lights at ſome time or other, in all mankind, to ſee with, and to leave wicked men without excuſe by: this being a Talent of Gods Light, Grace and Spirit, that is given to every man to profit withal, and appears to all men for their good, and in order to their Salvation, and recovery from Sin, and from under the Power of Satan, which every man ought to mind, take heed to, be taught by, and walk anſwerably unto in their day; it is a Talent, not to be hid in the Earth, but diligently and well improved; its a Light not to be put under a Bed or Buſhel, but ſet on a Candle-ſtick that it may give Light to the Houſe that was in Darkneſs, and them

them that ſit in Darkneſs, and under the Region of the ſhadow of Death. So mind the Light, which God in love to your Souls hath beſtowed upon you, *that it may ſhine in your Hearts, to give you the Light of the Knowledge of God in the Face of Chriſt Jeſus, whom with the Father to know is Life Eternal*; and the Knowledge of God and Chriſt Jeſus can never be come to otherwiſe.

Object. 1. But ſome may ſay, *We believe in God the Father Almighty, that made Heaven and Earth, and in his Son Chriſt Jeſus; and hope and deſire to know him as he is made known in the Scriptures, which we ſay is the Rule that we ſhould walk by.*

Anſw. Your bare ſaying you believe in God, without a living evidence of it in your ſelves, proves no belief in him at all, nor that ye have Faith in his Son Chriſt Jeſus, or Knowledge of either the Father or the Son, which many boaſt and talk much of. For how doth a true believing in God, and Faith in Chriſt Jeſus, evidence or ſhew it ſelf but by Works of Righteouſneſs wrought in God? how elſe is his Workmanſhip or the new Creature known or witneſſed? You would ſhew a Faith without Works of Righteouſneſs, which is a certain Evidence to ſuch their Faith is a dead Faith, which will never purifie their Hearts, nor give them Victory over Sin, let them talk of believing in God and Chriſt Jeſus as much as they will: But ſuch as are in the living Faith that works by Love, they are ready and prepared of God, through this Faith to ſhew an evidence of it by Works wrought in God,

God, being his Workmanship, and Created in Christ Jesus thereunto; and you may Hope and Desire after the Knowledge of God all your dayes, and never come to the Knowledge of him, barely by the Letter of the Scriptures, without the help of Gods Spirit, though you read that all your dayes: Ye must learn to know God in his Light, and by his holy Spirit, that they received and knew God by, that gave forth the Scriptures, before you can come to know God, as the Holy men of God and Saints Recorded in the Scriptures did, otherwise ye know nothing as ye ought to know, but are out of the Knowledge of God and Christ, though ye have the *Scriptures* that declare thereof, and say, *It is your Rule*; I would to God ye were Reformed in Lives and Conversations, according to that true Declaration of the Mind and Will of God in the holy Scriptures; but your Words Lives and Conversations are so contrary thereunto, that it is a shame for you to say it is your Rule: I grant all the *holy Scriptures* were given forth by *Divine Inspiration*, and is profitable for *Doctrine*, *Instruction* and *Information*, and able to make the man of God *Perfect*, and *Wise unto Salvation*, *through Faith in Christ Jesus*, but not otherwise profitable, nor cannot give the Knowledge of God, witness the Multitudes that have them, who have not the Knowledge of God, notwithstanding their often reading of them, seeking the Knowledge of God and Life in them, and calling them their *Rule*, which if they were ruled according to the Scriptures, they would be more tamed, and brought down into Subjection to God then they are, and would be better ruled in their Manners and Be-

haviour, even ſober and godly, as every one ought to be in this World; but whilſt many profeſs the Scriptures to be their *Rule*, they err, *not knowing the Scriptures, nor the Spirit which they were in and moved by that wrote or gave forth the Scriptures*; which is the great Cauſe of Peoples erring in Judgment, and going aſtray from the Wayes of God, being kept *ever learning* (by them that would have People alwayes paying of them) *but not able to come to the Knowledge of God or the Truth, as it is in Jeſus*: The Hope of all ſuch is but the Hypocrites, and their Deſires but of a Senſual and Earthly Nature, that God will not regard nor anſwer. Therefore, people, examine your ſelves, prove and try your ſelves by the Light and Spirit of God, the moſt ſtanding Rule to try your Hearts and Spirits by.

Obj. 2. *But we are* Proteſtants, *and againſt* Popery, *Popiſh Laws and Inſtitutions, that are Repugnant to the Holy Scriptures, who force People to be of their Religion by Cruel Torments, Fire and Faggot, and are againſt Popiſh Maſſes.*

Anſw. If you are True *Proteſtants*, and againſt that which is Bad in the Laws, Inſtitutions and Government of the Church of *Rome*, and againſt Popiſh Idolatry, and Superſtition of that *See*, which I do acknowledge is Bad enough: Why do ye ſo much keep in their ſteps, as to Maſs Days, pretended Holy Days, Feaſts for Chriſt, and other Saints, who were more in Faſting than Feaſting, who never required any Dys or Feaſts to be kept for them, that I read of in the

the Scriptures, as hath been instituted, and the practise thereof forced, by not only *Papists* but *Protestants*; and such as call themselves *Protestants* have caused Honest Sober People to Suffer, and reputed them as *Papists*, that could not so gratifie the Wills of Men, or Popish Institutions, as to keep Dayes of Feasting, as many of you *Protestants* do, therein being one with the *Papists*, as also in Mirth, Folly, Vanity, Excess of Rioting, Eating and Drinking; and you have been Angry with many Sober People, because they went not with you to the same Excess of Rioting, whereby more Dishonour to God and Christ Jesus hath come in a few Mass Days, than many days besides. I hope the Righteous God will manifest such that cannot keep those Days, nor go to that Excess of Riot with you that do, to be better *Protestants*, although we Dissent from you and the Church of *Rome* therein, and in many other things, which ye follow, and are in practice of, which you have no express warrant for from the Scriptures, where-ever you have it: And the *Papists*, or any others, Forcing People to their Religion by Fire and Faggot, or other Cruel Torments, is Anti-christian and Abominable, it is a certain evidence, that their Religion is not Pure nor Undefiled before God, but stinks and is corrupted, and would Corrupt the Earth; for the Pure Religion, which is Uncorrupted and Undefiled before God, needs nothing but the Grace, Truth and Power of God, and Drawings with the Cords of God's Love into it, to Force or bring to be of it; not Whips, Prisons, Torments or Tortures, as the False Church and Mother of Harlots hath used to

bring People to be of their Religion and Church. Therefore, why have many that call themſelves *Proteſtants*, and to have renounced the Traſh and Trumpery of *Rome*; but herein alſo have walked in their ſteps, and ſtrengthened them in their uſing ſuch Cruelties to Force to their Religion, which will never conduce to make true *Chriſtians*, but Deceitful Hypocrites and Diſſemblers, who are the worſt of men, and the *Woes* of God are to: Will you Cry out againſt the Church of *Rome*, for the Force and Cruelty, which they have uſed to bring People to their Religion? And will you uſe it to compell People to your VVay and VVorſhip? Ought you not firſt to caſt this Beam out of your own Eyes, that more clearly you might ſee how to caſt it out in others, and deal with *Papiſts* about forcing to their Religion VVay and VVorſhip? For what Force and Compulſion hath been uſed of late and former Years here in *England* againſt ſuch as indeed could not for Conſcience ſake conform to the Church of *England* in all their Principles and Practiſes, as ſufficiently is known thorow the Nation, by the many Impriſonments, and Spoils of *Non-conformiſts* Goods, whilſt ſuch think themſelves much better than the *Papiſts*, but walk too much in their ſteps.

Obj. 3. *But we have the Ordinances and Inſtitutions of Chriſt, and receive the Sacraments in the beſt reformed manner; and we pray as Chriſt hath taught us, ſaying, Our Father which art in Heaven, Hollowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come,* &c.

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Answ. If you were rightly sensible of God's Ordinances and Commands in force to be practis'd by *Christians* in these Days of the Gospel, surely ye would be more Careful to keep them, and put them in practice than ye do: But how can you be said to keep the Ordinances of God, that refuse and resist his Power and Spirit, whilst you adore and dote upon outward Things, and Element; you have neglected the Weightier Matters, for paying a little Tythe, Mint and Anniss, having been busied more about the Outward Court Service, than that which is more Substantial. But retire within, and wait upon the Lord in Stillness and submission to him, that he may make you worthy to eat and drink at his Table: To eat of that Living Bread that came down from Heaven, the Bread of God, which if a man eat, he shall live thereby; and to be made worthy to drink of that Wine, which he hath mingl'd which will never corrupt nor sowr, or lose its Vertue; otherwise your eating and drinking of that you call *The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*, will be but your own Damnation, whilst you do not discern the Lord's Body, his Flesh, which is Meat indeed, and his Blood, which is Drink indeed: Not that I despise or vilifie any thing that any were really required of God to do in remembrance of Christ Jesus, or a real shewing forth his Death in their time and season; but let a man Examin himself, or else he eats unworthily, not discerning the Lords Body: And Christ Jesus said, *Except ye eat my Flesh and drink my Blood you have no Life in you.* And I may say unto you that have eaten outward Bread, and drunk outward Wine; What Life have you in you, or Salt to savour withal? Hath eating of that

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Bread, and drinking of that Cup given you Life? Is it the Flesh of Christ, that is Meat indeed, and that Blood, which is drink indeed? then will the Life of Jesus be manifest in your Mortal Bodies, and you will discern the Lords Body, and be baptized into it, and be Members of it: And so come to the true Substance, which ends all Types, Figures and Shadows, and melts the Elements, which were insufficient to minister Life to the Souls of People, by reason of that Inability and Weakness that was in them. So come to him that giveth Life to the Soul, wait upon him diligently that he may make you worthy to discern his Body, and eat of that Bread that he gives the worthy and prepared to eat, & whereby they live forever, that the Water of Life also you may drink of, and that it may be in you a Well of Life springing up in you to Everlasting Life, and then will you learn of Christ Jesus, and be taught how to pray with the Spirit and Understanding also, to call God Father, to know where he is to hollow his Name, to receive his Kingdom, and no longer oppose or resist it; then will you do the Will of God on Earth, as it is done in Heaven, and have Living Bread daily in your own Houses to feed upon, beyond what is outward: And know forgiveness of Sin, and forgive them that Trespass against you, and feel the heavenly Deliverer near, that doth Deliver and set Free from all Sin & Evil. But when did Christ Jesus teach Wicked Men, that daily Dishonour his Name, to say, *Our Father which art in Heaven*; such who are not the Children of God? How is he their Father, as to any Spiritual relation? and how can they Hallow his Name? It is true, he taught

taught his Diſciples and Followers ſo to pray, and that Prayer I own; but thoſe words uttered by ſuch as know not the Name of the Lord, nor learn of Chriſt Jeſus how Unſavory and Unprofitable is it? Will not Chriſt Jeſus ſay to ſuch, *what have ye to do to take my Name in your Mouthes, and to ſay, I have taught you that which I never taught you, nor required at your hands?* for it is praying in the Spirit that that God who is a Spirit expects, and is only well-pleaſed with, and not uſing good words, that people may get into their Heads, which they have no true or heavenly Underſtanding of in their Hearts; for as *Man believes in his Heart to Righteouſneſs:* So it is the *Heart-Cryes, Breathing* and *Prayer* unto the Lord, that are accepted as Incenſe with him: *the Prayer of Faith avails much with God; but the Prayers of the Wicked are Abomination to the Lord*; although they faſt and pray, God will not hear them, becauſe they do it not in that holy Name and Spirit which gives the Saints Admiſſion to God, and pure Acceptance with him, although but with Sighs and Groans that cannot be uttered, and that ſo the Lord may teach you all to pray, is the Deſire of my Soul, that you may pray continually, lifting up Holy Hands unto the Lord (*without wrath and Doubting*, as commonly the Prayers of the Wicked are) that ſo He that ſeeth in ſecret may rewrad you, and be not alwayes asking amiſs, not receiving the things that you ask of God.

Now my *Friends* and *Country Men*, I find Freedom in the Lord at preſent to ceaſe writing any more to you; My Heart's Deſire and Prayer to God is, *To*

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open your Underſtandings, and give you an Eye to ſee, an Ear to hear Truth, and a Heart to Underſtand what is the acceptable Will of God, that at laſt you may come to Kiſs the Son, love and honour him, leſt his Anger ſuddenly break forth againſt you, and the Lord cut you off in his Wrath, and you periſh forever.

Truly I cannot but lament for you, and am troubled for you day and night, having often been greatly burdened with the exceeding great Wickedneſs of this Nation, in this Age we live in, for which God has begun to Waſte it, and will certainly make it Deſolate, if it be not for the ſakes of a few Righteous and Juſt *Lots*, that I know are in it.

From the Lord God am I moved thus to *Reprove* and *Warn* you; whether you will *Hear* and *Repent*, or *Forbear*, as long you have done, the Lord will be clear of your Blood, it ſhall be upon your own Heads that Periſh.

From one that travails and labours for the Redemption of Mankind out of Death and Darkneſs, that they may be ſaved in this Day of the Lord Jeſus, the Saviour of the World:

Horſlydown, the 14th of the 2d Moneth, 1679.

JAMES PARKE.

THE END.